

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 413

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Richard A. "Rick" Buerger of Brentwood.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Richard A. "Rick" Buerger; and

WHEREAS, Rick Buerger was a consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on June 24, 1947, in Louisville, Kentucky, Mr. Buerger was the son of the late Richard and Clara Snider Buerger; he received his bachelor's degree from Miami University in 1969 and his juris doctorate from Vanderbilt University in 1973, serving as a member of Phi Delta Phi; and

WHEREAS, upon being admitted to the Bar, Rick Buerger set up a private practice with James Peterson; he was a partner in the firm of Buerger, Moseley and Carson, PLC from 1973 until his retirement in 2002, at which time he was serving as senior partner; and

WHEREAS, from 1978 and concurrently with his career with the firm, he served as Williamson County Attorney, and he also taught as an adjunct professor of Health Care Management at Belmont University; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Mr. Buerger practiced in almost every area of law, from criminal and divorce/domestic to hospital law, health care, municipal law, county government, general business law, and general litigation; and

WHEREAS, Rick Buerger was a leader in his profession, who was involved with various local, state, and national associations, including the Tennessee County Attorneys Association, serving as a board member and president; American Health Lawyers Association; Williamson

County Bar Association, serving terms as vice president and president; Tennessee and American Bar Associations; and the 2000-2003 John Marshall Inns of Court; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his many contributions to the legal profession, Mr. Buerger gave back to his community through his involvement with the Optimist Club, Boy Scouts, Rotary Club, Little League Baseball, Ducks Unlimited, and various local youth athletic organizations; and

WHEREAS, he also contributed greatly to local politics; in addition to being instrumental to the campaigns of Bob Ring, Clint Callicott, Rogers Anderson, and Charles Sargent, he was appointed by the Williamson County Commission to serve as chairman of the Williamson County Ethics Committee; and

WHEREAS, Rick Buerger was often duly honored for his good work; in 2009, he was presented the Legend Award by the Williamson County-Franklin Chamber of Commerce for his many contributions to Williamson County; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Rick Buerger will be lovingly remembered by his wife of fifty years, Mary Buerger; his daughter, Carrie (Lee) Plowman; his grandchildren, Kaylee Plowman and Cannon Plowman; his brother, Bob (Trish) Buerger; special cousin, James "Butch" Snider; and a host of other family members and friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Buerger leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Richard A. "Rick" Buerger, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Buerger.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.